(b) whether it has been replied to; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table of the House?

*A.*—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) As the hon. Member is aware, 'Emigration' is a Central subject and correspondence relating to it cannot be placed on the table of this House without the consent of the Government of India.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Hon. the Home Member can give us an idea as to the number of emigrants that go from this Presidency to Malaya?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government have got any statistics regarding the number of emigrants who go to Malaya from this Presidency?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I must ask for notice."

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Agriculture

*Provision of marketing facilities for paddy and other produce.*

754 *Q.*—Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the reply of the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company said to be awaited in clause (b) of the answer to question No. 354, dated the 4th November 1933?

*A.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 541 on 30th January 1934.

### Irrigation

*Contributions from the ryotwari landholders for the construction of a permanent anicut to the Kodaimel Alagian anicut, Tinnevelly district.*

755 *Q.*—Mr. Daniel Thomas: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to the Kodaimel Alagian anicut on the Tambraparni river in the Tinnevelly district—

(a) whether the ryotwari landholders under the Kodaimel Alagian canals have been called upon to pay any contribution towards the cost of the construction of the proposed permanent anicut either by the Government or by the local officers and, if so, what the amount of the contribution asked for is;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to ask for any such contribution, and, if so, what the amount is of the same; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to make a statement explaining their policy in regard to contributions from ryotwari land-holders?

*A.*—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

(c) The Government invite contributions towards the cost of works which without such contributions would have to be dropped on financial grounds.

*Supply of water to the Velliyur tank from the Karikulavakkam Thangal.*

756 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the surplus of Karikulavakkam Thangal I.T. No. 477, Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, has been taken as a further supply to Velliyur tank I.T. No. 478 in the year 1919;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Velliyur villagers received no supply to their tank I.T. No. 478 for the last 15 years from Thangal No. I.T. 477; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Velliyur villagers petitioned to the authorities (Revenue and Public Works Department) to merge the two sources I.T. Nos. 477 and 465 into one source and provide a supply to their tank from the combined source?

*A.*—(a) *to* (c) The Government have not the information but will enquire.

## Land Revenue Administration

*Extent of damage caused by floods in the Tinnevelly district during the last 20 years.*

757 *Q.*—Mr. DANIEL THOMAS: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to resolution No. XVIII about flood damage in the Tinnevelly district passed by the Tinnevelly District Conference on 21st January 1934; and

(b) the amounts of the estimated damage or loss to (i) the Government, (ii) the people, (iii) local bodies, and (iv) railways caused by floods in the Tambraparni river, during each year of flood in the past 20 years?

*A.*—(a) Yes.

(b) Information regarding the floods of November 1933 is contained in the reports of the Collector and the officers of the Public Works Department, of which extracts[a] are laid on the table. Information for the nineteen previous years cannot be easily obtained.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 666–671 infra.

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## Forests

*Resolution of the Tinnevelly District Conference, dated the 21st January 1934, regarding disafforestation in the Singampatti hills.*

758 *Q.*—Mr. Daniel Thomas : Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to resolution No. XII of the resolutions of the Tinnevelly District Conference, dated 21st January 1934, about disafforestation in Singampatti hills; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to place on the table all the reports of the officers who have inspected the locality during the past seven years?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government do not consider that it is in public interest to place the reports on the table of the House; for the information of the House, it may be mentioned however that the reports of the inspecting officers did not indicate that the opening of a portion of the area for tea cultivation was in any way harmful to the water-supply in the Tambraparni.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

### II.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS ACT, 1926 (BILL No. 3 OF 1934).

* The Hon. the President :—" I appoint Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar as Chairman of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926 (Bill No. 3 of 1934)."

### III.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT, 1932, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 8 OF 1934).

* The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill [a] further to amend the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932, for a certain purpose (Bill No. 8 of 1934), and move that the Bill be taken into consideration."

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

*Clauses 1 and 2.*

Clauses 1 and 2 were put and carried.

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